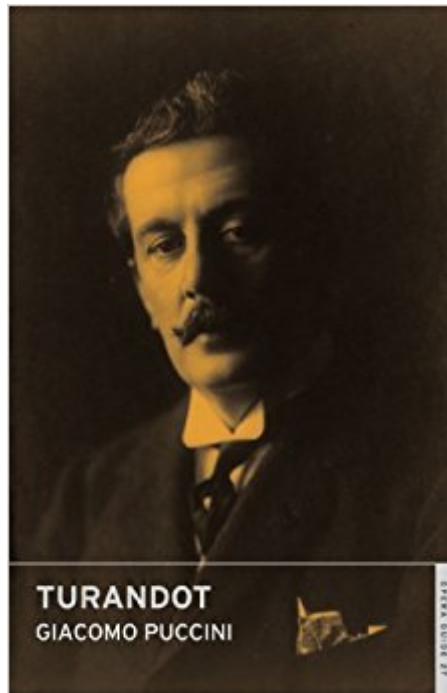




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Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924) was born in Lucca into a family of musicians and composers. His operas, which include *Tosca*, *La Bohème*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Turandot*, are among the most frequently performed in the international repertory.

This Turandot, dated 1984, is part of the well-regarded series of English National Opera Guides. It contains a history of the genesis of the opera, and comments on the score, by noted Puccini biographer Mosco Carner; an analysis of the Carlo Gozzi play and its transformation into Puccini's libretto; an extended description of the completion of the score by Franco Alfano after Puccini's death; the complete libretto in William Weaver's literal translation (complete as in before the cuts taken in completing the last scene); and some reminiscences of performing the role in the years following the composer's death by the famed British Turandot, Eva Turner. There is a bibliography and a discography, both now out of date, and a lot of production and artist photos, many rather badly and muddily reproduced. But the text is the point here, not the variably reproduced photos, and the text is full of valuable information for anyone who wants to delve into Puccini's last opera.

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